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MICHIGAN SENATE  
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Minutes Of February 14, 2008

A meeting of the Senate Committee on Education was held on Thursday, February 14, 2008, in room 110, Farnum Building, 125 W. Allegan Street, Lansing, MI 48933.

- Senator Kuipers called the meeting to order at 2:35 P.M. The roll of the Committee was called by the Committee Clerk.

Senator Kuipers – Present  
Senator VanWoerkom – Present  
Senator Cassis – Present  
Senator Whitmer – Present  
Senator Gleason – Present

Agenda

- Senator Kuipers introduces the presenters, Ms. Sally Vaughn, Deputy Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer, Michigan Department of Education.

Ms. Sally Vaughn gave her presentation on the Michigan Teacher Preparation Study Group. Written testimony was provided.

- Approve minutes from February 7, 2008.  
Motion by Senator VanWoerkom to approve the minutes from February 7, 2008, was supported by Senator Whitmer.

A record roll call was ordered as follows:

Senator Kuipers – Yes  
Senator VanWoerkom – Yes  
Senator Cassis – Yes  
Senator Whitmer – Yes  
Senator Gleason – Yes

- Senator Kuipers opens up testimony on Senate Bill 836.
  1. Senator Gerald VanWoerkom, sponsor of Senate Bill 836, explained the contents of the bill.
  2. Mr. Brian Broderick, representing Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools, supports the bill because shared time programs have been very beneficial for non-public school students. This legislation would allow a non-public school to seek instructional services from a district contiguous to the one in which it is located if the district in which it is located cannot or will not provide the services.
  3. Ms. Angela Johnston, representing Sacred Heart Catholic School, supports the bill and submitted written testimony.
  4. Mr. Don Wotruba, representing Michigan Association of School Boards, did not wish to speak, but supports the bill.
  5. Mr. Robert LeFevre, representing Macomb Intermediate School District, did not wish to speak, but supports the bill.
  6. Mr. Paul Stankewitz, representing Michigan Catholic Conference, did not wish to speak, but supports the bill.
  7. Ms. Lisa Hansknecht, representing Michigan Department of Education, did not wish to speak, but supports the bill.
- Motion by Senator VanWoerkom to adopt the S-1 version of Senate Bill 836, supported by Senator Cassis.

A record roll call was ordered as follows:

Senator Kuipers – Yes  
 Senator VanWoerkom – Yes  
 Senator Cassis – Yes  
 Senator Whitmer – Yes  
 Senator Gleason – Yes

- Motion by Senator Whitmer to report the S-1 substitute to Senate Bill 836 with favorable recommendation for passage and immediate effect, supported by Senator Cassis.

A record roll call was ordered as follows:

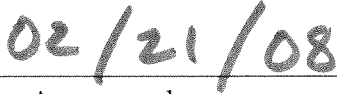
Senator Kuipers – Yes  
 Senator VanWoerkom – Yes  
 Senator Cassis – Yes  
 Senator Whitmer – Yes  
 Senator Gleason – Yes

- Senator Kuipers adjourned the meeting at 3:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mark Brieve, Clerk



Date Approved



Wayne Kuipers, Chair